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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 – 12th Street, S.W.  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation*  
*WT Docket No. 01-184 (WNP Forbearance Petition)*

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to advise you that, on November 15, 2001, Anne E. Hoskins and Lolita D. Smith of Verizon Wireless, and the undersigned on behalf of Verizon Wireless, made an ex parte presentation in the above-referenced docket to Bryan Tramont, Chief Legal Advisor to Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy.

In the meeting, Verizon Wireless reiterated its position that the legal arguments and evidence on the record support the requested forbearance from the wireless number portability (WNP) requirement. We discussed the lack of evidence on the record to support the continuation of the regulation at this time. We observed that there is no evidence that WNP is needed to stimulate competition among wireless carriers, as such competition is already robust. We also argued that there is no evidence that WNP is necessary to spur wireless-wireline competition. We noted that, if forbearance is granted, the regulation will remain “on the books” and could be revisited at any time in the future.

In addition, we emphasized Verizon Wireless’ commitment to full and complete participation in number pooling by the November 2002 deadline, including donating and receiving contaminated blocks from all types of carriers. We explained how the existence of aging numbers in a carrier’s inventory cannot contribute to number exhaust because such numbers do not count towards a carrier’s fulfillment of the utilization threshold.

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If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

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